

2024
DEPARTMENT 5
KNITTING

The 2024 Big E will be held September 13-29, 2024.

Exhibitor handbooks and schedules are subject to change.

We suggest you request to be added to the email lists of the departments you are entering, follow the department Facebook page, or check our website frequently for updates.

Email CreativeArts@TheBigE.com to request to be added to be added to our email list.

Follow us on Facebook @bigecreativearts

All exhibitors are required to read and comply with the **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS** of the Creative Arts Department and to acknowledge with entry submission that they have obtained **copyright permission** when appropriate.

Entry Form Due	August 12	Online: https://TheBigE.fairwire.com/		
Entry Fee per Item	\$5			
Entry Limit	Exhibitors can have a maximum of three (3) entries total across Departments 1-14			
Eligibility	Must be completed within past 3 years			
Classes	A: Adult Professional	B: Adult Non-Professional	C: Youth 13-18	D: Youth 5-12
Premiums	Best of Department: \$20	Blue: \$20	Red: \$17	White: \$14
Receiving	Tuesday, September 3: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm		New England Center	
Judging	Closed to the public		Wednesday, September 4 – Friday, September 6	
Release	Monday, September 30, 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Tuesday, October 1, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm	New England Center	

After November 1, all unclaimed items become the property of Eastern States Exposition and will be disposed of as deemed necessary.

For additional information, contact Creative Arts at CreativeArts@TheBigE.com or call (413) 205-5015.

All items must include an index card with:

- **Pattern name and designer**
- **Yarn name**
- **Breakdown of fibers**



Knit sweater by Nicole Newel

Judging may include but not limited to:

Design	Appropriate Materials for the item
Creativity	Technique & Workmanship
Condition	Assembly/Seams/Joins
Knit/Purl Stitches	Buttonholes/Front Bands
Neckbands	Sleeves/Cuffs
Finishing (ends woven in properly)	

**You must indicate on your entry form if your item was made from a kit.
A kit includes the pattern and the yarn.**

Hand Knitted Items Only

- Division 501** Any item made of 100% sheep's wool or a blend of at least 50% wool and another fiber: Must identify contents on an index card.
- Division 502** Any item made of camelid, angora (rabbit or goat), cashmere, plant fibers, or sheep wool blends (less than 50% sheep wool). Must identify contents on an attached index card.
- Division 503** Wearing Apparel, i.e., Sweaters, hats, socks, scarf, mittens, etc.
- Division 504** Home Accessories, i.e., afghans, tablecloth, pillows, doilies, etc.
- Division 505** Mixed Media – any entry that may include beading/crochet/weaving with the same item.



*Knit hat by Aleah Nicholson
(Youth 5-12)*



Knit sweater by Anna Turnberg (Youth 13-18)

- Division 506** Toys – dolls, amigurumi, etc.
- Division 507** Original design not from a published pattern
- Division 508** Other than classified
- Division 509** Loom Knitting – YOUTH only
- Division 510** 2024 Creative Arts Theme: “United We Fair”. The piece involves a spirit of unity. Please include a 3”x5” index card describing how entry relates to the theme.

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SPECIAL AWARDS FOR HAND KNITTING

Selection of award recipient is based on "judge's choice" using criteria set by the donor of the award.

SCANTIC RIVER CREATIONS, ENFIELD, CT;

Best Beginner Adult: 4 skeins of EFA Pearlescent Worsted yarn (\$120 value)

Best Beginner Youth: 2 skeins of EFA Sincere Sock and 2 skeins of EFA Glimmer Fingering yarn (\$110 value)

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Email: Northamptonwools29@gmail.com

\$75 gift certificate to the knitter that has the *Best Exhibit Incorporating Different Stitch Patterns in a garment or afghan*



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